



The New Zealand Down Syndrome Association's (NZDSA) position statement on prenatal testing for Down syndrome

The New Zealand Down Syndrome Association believes that people with Down syndrome have a right to life.

- We welcome babies with Down syndrome.
- We believe people with Down syndrome can lead full and satisfying lives and enrich the lives of those around them.
- We provide support and information to people whose lives have been changed by Down syndrome.

The New Zealand Down Syndrome Association acknowledges that people may choose to have prenatal testing for Down syndrome and that a complex interplay of factors influences this choice.

We believe that

- counseling, support and up-to-date information about Down syndrome should be available to people considering having prenatal testing.
- information about the prenatal tests should be available to people considering having prenatal testing. The information should include the test's risk, accuracy and waiting time for results.
- up-to-date information about Down syndrome should be available to the professionals involved in prenatal testing.
- people should not be pressured into having prenatal testing for Down syndrome.

This position statement was adopted by our membership in 2004. It was reviewed in 2007, and once again adopted by our membership.